

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1 - 6 canceled.

7. (Currently amended). The pet house according to Claim 6 17 wherein the ribs are outside the box.

8. (Original). The pet house according to Claim 7 including a spacer attached to the front wall around the door for keeping the shutter from one of the ribs, thus ensuring smooth operation of the shutter.

Claims 9 - 11 canceled.

12. (Currently amended). The pet house according to Claim 9 17 wherein each of the lateral walls defines a slit for receiving an end of the rib, thus keeping the reinforcement device on the lateral walls.

Claim 13 canceled.

14. (Currently amended). The pet house according to Claim 9 17 wherein the rib includes a connector and two strips connected with each other through the connector.

15. (Original). The pet house according to Claim 14 wherein the connector is a trapezoidal strip:

16. (Original). The pet house according to Claim 14 wherein the connector includes a first portion, a second portion extending from the first portion and a third portion extending from the second portion and in parallel to the first portion, and an end of each strip is put between and attached to the first and second portions of each connector.

17. (New). A pet house made of paper including:  
a house-shaped box including a front wall defining a door, a rear wall and two lateral walls, the front and rear walls both including an upper portion extending above the lateral walls;  
at least one reinforcement device mounted on the lateral walls; and  
a roof mounted on the upper portions of the front and rear walls and the reinforcement device wherein the roof includes two ribs attached thereto so as to enhance its rigidity.

18. (New). The pet house according to Claim 17 wherein the reinforcement device includes at least one rib wherein the rib defines a slit in each end for receiving one of the lateral walls, thus keeping the reinforcement device on the lateral walls.